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Mother of murder suspect 'shocked' at her son's arrest

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SEABROOK — The mother of one of three high school students arrested in connection with the May 1 killing of Gregory Smart said she doesn't believe her son would commit or aid in a murder.

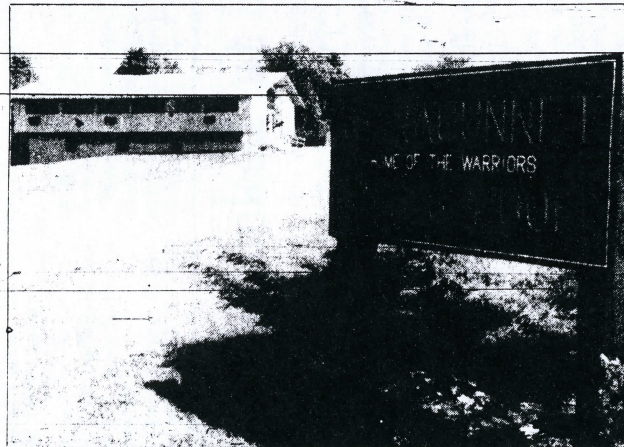
She described her son as a "good kid who never got into any trouble."

"This is a total shock to us," said the mother and widow of three years, who said she and her family have been taking "one day at a time" since her son's June 4 arrest. "Not in my wildest imagination..."

Because they are juveniles, it is illegal to publish the names of the suspects.

She described her son and the two other teens apprehended in connection with the Derry murder to be very close friends and schoolmates at Winnacunnet High School, which is located across a parking lot from where Smart's 22-year-old widow, Pamela, works as the school district's media director.

She acknowledged her son knew Mrs. Smart, and said the two used to come over to their home on weekends to work on a video project for SHOCKED, Page 4



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THREE suspects in Gregory Smart murder are students at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton. Smart's wife, Pamela, works in school's media center, pictured in background.

Smart's friend says suspects seen at Derry man's funeral

By **FRANCI RICHARDSON**
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The widow of murder victim Gregory Smart and one of the teens recently charged with the killing worked together on a video at the suspect's Seabrook Beach home on a number of occasions, according to the suspect's mother.

Meanwhile, at least two of the three teen-age suspects in the killing attended Gregory Smart's May 4 funeral in Derry, a longtime friend of the murder victim said Sunday night.

Smart, 24, a life insurance salesman, was found dead

May 1 by his wife, Pamela, in their Derry condominium. He had been shot once in the head.

A source close to the investigation said the fatal wound did not occur in a "normal" manner but declined to comment further.

Assistant Attorney General Bill Lyons has said a handgun was recovered, but refused to say who turned it in.

The three teens, all residents of Seabrook, were arrested June 4. They are not being identified because of state laws protecting minors charged with crimes.

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Gurney to face new trial

Mistrial declared after
jury is deadlocked

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EXETER — Accused murderer George Gurney was returned to jail last week to await a new trial, scheduled for September, after a jury could not decide whether he was innocent



Teacher pay hike OK'd on 2-1 vote

By **CAROL SETTINO**
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A new teachers' contract was ratified by a nearly 2-1 margin at Monday's special school district meeting.

Suspects seen at funeral

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The state Attorney General's office is now trying to certify the minors as adults, so the three would face higher charges. If the state proves they should be tried as adults, one minor would be charged with first-degree murder and the other two would be charged with being accomplices to murder.

Both counts are punishable by life in prison without possibility of parole, according to Assistant Attorney General Diane Nicolosi.

Pamela Smart, as media director of School Administrative Unit 21, knew at least one of the suspects through their work on a video.

Derry Police declined to comment if Pamela Smart is a suspect in her husband's murder.

A group of four students and Smart worked at the school, at her home, and at one of the suspect's homes on the video, according to a number of sources.

"A couple of scenes were filmed there (the suspect's home) because he lived at the beach," said Rachel Emond, a group member.

Asked about Smart's relationship with the suspect who worked on the production, Emond described Smart as "a really nice person, who showed no special attention to no one."

The mother of that suspect refused to comment on her son's relationship with Smart.

"They spent time here on weekends doing it," she said. "I can't describe that relationship."

Meanwhile, at least two of the suspects were seen paying last respects at Smart's wake by a longtime friend who asked not to be named. But the man said he didn't know if the minors knew Smart directly and hasn't talked to his widow since he and his wife helped her move to a new condominium in Hampton.

"I felt relieved," said the man about the juveniles' arrest. "But it's not going to bring my buddy back."



COLLINS STREET neighborhood in Seabrook, where one of three juvenile suspects in Smart murder lives. State is moving to try youths as adults in connection with May 1 murder of Derry man.

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The man said he hadn't discussed with Pamela Smart the motives of her friends in the killing of her husband.

Pamela Smart has maintained throughout the investigation she is positive her husband

walked in at the wrong time during a burglary attempt.

Pamela Smart came home at about 10:30 p.m. the night of the murder to find her husband dead on their foyer. She has since reported stolen jewelry

and other items taken from her home.

Although she willingly gave statements to the press after the murder, Pamela Smart has given no comment since the arrest of the three teens.

Mother 'shocked' at her son's arrest

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school. She refused to comment further on any other relationship between her son and Smart.

The suspect, his mother and two siblings hailed originally from California until three years ago, when the suspects' father died in an automobile accident. She said her son took it hard.

"He took it at 13 when boys have a hard time as boys," she said.

For the past three years the family has lived on Seabrook Beach, her son hasn't gotten into any trouble, she said.

In his spare time, he would play his electric guitar and go over to the other suspect's home to work on cars and ride all-terrain vehicles, she said.

"He self-taught himself very well," she said. "He was very quiet and very creative."

Although she said her son was an average student who took a little while to start working seriously through the school year, he did have long-term goals.

"He wanted to be a pilot and recently became interested in law," she said of her son's aspirations.

The mother of another juvenile suspect, whose Collins Street trailer is located not more than three miles away from the former, refused to comment about whether she believes her son was involved in the Smart murder.

Her home was considered the hang-out for the three juveniles.

She described her son as an average student who was never in trouble. And although his friends have described him as having a "long history of minor offenses," she said he was never in any legal trouble.

Originally from Salisbury, Mass., the mother said her son has lived in Seabrook most of his life. Other family members include a father and a younger sibling.

Although he didn't drive, and the mother wouldn't comment on how he may have travelled to Derry the night of Smart's murder, he liked to work on cars, she said.

"He had an old Camaro that someone gave him when he started working on cars," she said.

Her son was not a member of the video group working with Pamela Smart, she said. But

she refused to comment about whether he had any type of relationship with Smart.

The family of the other suspect could not be reached for comment.

Police arrested the youths because they believe one of the three in custody fired the single bullet that killed Smart while the other two helped in another manner, which authorities will not detail. The state is trying to certify the juveniles as adults so one minor would be tried on higher charges of first-degree murder and the other two as accomplices to murder.

Currently, the three are charged only with juvenile delinquency because of their ages.

As part of her duties as media director, Smart was also a mediator for Project Self-Esteem, a mandatory program for freshmen and sophomores specifically designed to acquaint incoming students from five school districts and prevent the possible use of drugs and alcohol.

As sophomores, the three took part in this program.

All three suspects are being held at a state facility in Concord.

Four race

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